

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Sarah Hopper, Lyle Perry, Elmer Marks Jr., Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Ken Waldrop,
President Pam Coey

ABSENT: None

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Coey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT (Five Minute Limit per Individual on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items):

A resident introduced the new owners of Gigi's Coffee house.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the consent agenda Finance Committee August 12, 2024, Personnel Committee August 21, 2024, Ontonagon Village Housing Commission August 15, 2023; September 19, 2023; October 17, 2023; November 21, 2023; December 20, 2023; January 16, 2024; February 20, 2024; March 21, 2024; April 16, 2024; May 21, 2024; June 18, 2024 and July 16, 2024 & Ontonagon Village Housing Commission Annual Meeting May 21, 2024

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

A motion was made by Marks, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to approve the agenda as amended.

AYE: Marks, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Rebholz second by Seid (CARRIED), to approve the bills as read.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Marks (CARRIED) to approve the Council Minutes of August 12, 2024.

AYE: Hopper, Marks, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

REPORTS

a. Financial Report

Financials are available as part of the agenda packet and are also available online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

We paid MERS \$50,251 on July 18th. This payment was due on August 20th. We are current with our MERS payments and our next payment will be due on September 20th. We will be making this payment on August 29th.

I had a phone conversation with our MERS rep Terra Langham on August 12th to discuss the Village's MERS situation. She confirmed with her finance department that Surplus Funds can be used when and how we would like. In other words, the Village can use surplus funds to make payments. According to the Annual Actuarial Valuation Report dated December 31, 2023, the Village currently has a contribution surplus of \$2,927,219. Based on the current required General Fund Contributions of \$43,055, this surplus could be used to make monthly payments for the next five and a half years.

Please keep in mind that this is not a surplus in the MERS Retirement Fund. The Village was 65% funded as of December 31, 2023. However, with the remaining Michigan Enhancement Grant funds along with anticipated surpluses in the General Fund through the Year-Ending March 31,

2026, the Village will be in a position to make payments through the year 2034. I have requested additional information from MERS regarding this matter. At this time, the Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover the next 20 monthly payments. All grant funds must be used prior to September 30, 2026.

b. 2024 Michigan Street Resurfacing and Storm Sewer Replacement – Final Application for Payment No. 2

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to accept the 2024 Michigan Street Resurfacing and Storm Sewer Replacement – Final Application for Payment No. 2

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. MDOT Request for Letter of Support

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Marks (CARRIED) to approve the MDOT Request for Letter of Support.

AYES: Hopper, Marks, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

b. Resolution to Vacate Balsam Street ROW

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to move the Resolution to Vacate Balsam Street ROW to the Planning Commission.

AYES: Rebholz, Perry, Hopper, Marks, Seid, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

c. 3 Maple St., White Pine – Water Complaint

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to move the complaint to the Infrastructure Commission.

AYES: Rebholz, Perry, Hopper, Marks, Seid, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

d. WUPPDR 55th Annual Meeting Invite

The invite was discussed and Councilman Rebholz indicated he would be attending.

e. Personnel Committee Recommendation

The Personnel Committee recommended the DPW position be offered to Joe Guy. Mr. Guy accepted the position. His start date was 8/26/24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

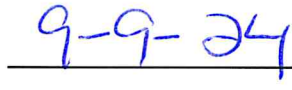
UPPCO would like to schedule a meet and greet in September and discuss a long-term plan.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:43 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Clerk Jeff Sullivan



Jeff Sullivan, Clerk



Approved